

FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Mr Seth Barton	No	No	No	Policy		It is not justified why (1) the Council considers open space demand is greatest in Garendon and Hastings Wards, (2) no action is specified to address open space demand Paragraph 3.83 4(2) Not sound, not justified			

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
<p>Paragraph 3.83 states</p> <p>Our evidence tells us that the urban nature of some Loughborough wards means that demand for space is significantly higher than elsewhere in the district due to the population particularly in Garendon and Hastings Wards.</p> <p>While it is clear from the figures obtained by the Open Spaces Study commissioned by the Council that acute shortages of open space exist in Loughborough [1], no evidence has been presented to support the assertion that the issue is most acute in Garendon and Hastings Wards. In fact, the lowest per capita open space provision is in neither Garendon nor Hastings Ward, but in Nanpantan Ward. For these three Wards, the per capita open space shortfalls (as used by Fields in Trust to specify open space provisions) for all typologies of open space are repeated in Table 1 for existing standards and in Table 2 for proposed standards [1]. It can be seen that Nanpantan has the largest shortfalls across all typologies (except for Parks and Gardens where no open space of this type exists in any of the three Wards). Note that Nanpantan has lost a further 0.43ha of amenity green space that is not included in these figures [2], [3] and [4].</p> <p>Table 1 (attached) Open space shortfall figures obtained from [1] showing that in the assessment of existing provision Nanpantan has the largest shortfall across all typologies</p> <p>Table 2 (attached) Open space shortfall figures obtained from [1] showing that in the assessment of proposed provision standards Nanpantan has the largest shortfall across all typologies</p> <p>The statement that Garendon and Hastings Wards require specific attention is without justification. The open space issues in Nanpantan must also be addressed and probably those of other Wards too.</p> <p>However, the issue raised in paragraph 3.83, specifically that there are acute open space shortages in Loughborough Wards due to 'population' (presumably meaning 'high population density') remains. The question is, of course, now that there is an identified problem, namely the shortage of open space in Loughborough Wards, what action is the Council planning to address the problem? Amazingly, no action at all is suggested in the Local Plan! The Council should be ashamed of itself. Adequate open space provision is widely recognized, including within Council documents, to be vital for health and wellbeing. Avoiding addressing the clear shortage of open space is a clear abdication of its responsibilities. We need an decisive, clear, time-scheduled and metric-based response to address the open space shortfalls. At present, we have no action at all. Action must be taken. Immediately. And laid out in the Local Plan.</p> <p>References</p> <p>[1] Nortoft Partnerships. Open Spaces Assessment Study prepared for Charnwood Borough Council, December 2017, <a href="https://www.chnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/open_spaces_assessment_study_2017_prepared_by_nortoft/Open%20Spaces%20Assessment%20Study%2C%202017%2C%20prepared%20by%20Nortoft.pdf">https://www.chnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/open_spaces_assessment_study_2017_prepared_by_nortoft/Open%20Spaces%20Assessment%20Study%2C%202017%2C%20prepared%20by%20Nortoft.pdf</a></p> <p>[2] Council emails confirming first loss of open space at Kirkstone, August 2020, <a href="https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520first%2520series%2520of%2520emails.pdf">https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520first%2520series%2520of%2520emails.pdf</a></p> <p>[3] Council emails confirming second loss of open space at Kirkstone, September 2020, <a href="https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520second%2520series%2520of%2520emails_h5ZMNLvnT4qLWk4NW5TB.pdf">https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520second%2520series%2520of%2520emails_h5ZMNLvnT4qLWk4NW5TB.pdf</a></p> <p>[4] Nanpantan Ward Residents' Group calculation details, September 2020, <a href="https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520calculations.pdf">https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520calculations.pdf</a></p>	<p>(1) Provide the criteria for prioritizing Wards for addressing open space shortfalls, based on the Fields in Trust metric of per capita provision.</p> <p>(2) Base the prioritizing of Wards for open space provision on the criteria provided in (1) and using the data on shortfalls per capita as determined in the Charnwood Open Spaces Strategy 2018-2036.</p> <p>(3) Most importantly, a decisive, clear, time-scheduled and metric-based plan must be provided to eliminate the shortfalls.</p> <p>References</p> <p>[1] Nortoft Partnerships. Open Spaces Assessment Study prepared for Charnwood Borough Council, December 2017, <a href="https://www.chnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/open_spaces_assessment_study_2017_prepared_by_nortoft/Open%20Spaces%20Assessment%20Study%2C%202017%2C%20prepared%20by%20Nortoft.pdf">https://www.chnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/open_spaces_assessment_study_2017_prepared_by_nortoft/Open%20Spaces%20Assessment%20Study%2C%202017%2C%20prepared%20by%20Nortoft.pdf</a></p> <p>[2] Council emails confirming first loss of open space at Kirkstone, August 2020, <a href="https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520first%2520series%2520of%2520emails.pdf">https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520first%2520series%2520of%2520emails.pdf</a></p> <p>[3] Council emails confirming second loss of open space at Kirkstone, September 2020, <a href="https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520second%2520series%2520of%2520emails_h5ZMNLvnT4qLWk4NW5TB.pdf">https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520-%2520second%2520series%2520of%2520emails_h5ZMNLvnT4qLWk4NW5TB.pdf</a></p> <p>[4] Nanpantan Ward Residents' Group calculation details, September 2020, <a href="https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520calculations.pdf">https://cdn.website-editor.net/a8c2488736374401aecb8666b24a1266/files/uploaded/Kirkstone%2520calculations.pdf</a></p>	No	